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Dear PRC,

I'm writing in response to the closing of the Barnes City Post office.

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I don't think that it is fair that we in the rural areas should have to go without our post offices when cities such as Oskaloosa IA have a post office and 2

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Small towns or suburbs next to Oskaloosa such as Beason IA and University Park IA each have an office when they are both less than 3 miles from the Oskaloosa office, but yet it is ok to consider closing an office that is at least 8 miles or more from ~~another~~ <sup>another</sup> office.

I have used the closest Post office once and they treated me like I was stupid and an outsider and not very helpful at all.

We have several people here in town that do not drive so going out of town to get stamps or to mail packages is going to be very hard for them to do. I know your theory is that we can get all these things done by a rural carrier but the rural carrier doesn't stop or make it to town at the same time everyday and he will not be able to stop at every house on a daily basis.

I personally do not want my mail sitting in a cluster box all day where just anyone may have access to it. I prefer to have my mail in a secure area such as our local Post office here in Barnes City.

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When we had our meeting. The person that was here to represent the post office was pushing for us to use USPS.com. and order packing supplies, stamps, and to print mailing labels but most people here in Barnes City do not have computers to do this.

With my husbands job he is to get his medicine through the mail and if the post office is closed here we are unsure what we are going to do since they do not want to send it if the temps are under 50°-60°. So that will be hard to get during the winter months.

I also don't like the thought of Bank statements and Credit Cards statements or my bank deposits being left out in a box where anyone can get to it. I really prefer the security of my local Barnes City Post office.

I would like you to really reconsider the closing of our office. This is one of the only places that community happenings can be posted, also the Post Office is the only place that the kids who wait for the school bus have to wait when weather is bad.

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Please reconsider

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